Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Veterans Benefits Act.

House Committee ordered reported the Help America Vote Act.

The House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 74, Making Continuing Appropriations for FY 2001 through December 7.

The House passed H.R. 2269, Retirement Security Advice Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Twelve bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1705–1716, S. Res. 181, and S. Con. Res. 84. Page S11940

Measures Reported:

S. 1008, to amend the Energy Policy Act of 1992 to develop the United States Climate Change Response Strategy with the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system, while minimizing adverse short-term and long-term economic and social impacts, aligning the Strategy with United States energy policy, and promoting a sound national environmental policy, to establish a research and development program that focuses on bold technological breakthroughs that make significant progress toward the goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations, to establish the National Office of Climate Change Response within the Executive Office of the President., with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 107-99) Page S11939

Measures Passed:

Veterans Benefits Act: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2540, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Rockefeller/Specter) Amendment No. 2149, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S11871-72 Reid (for Rockefeller/Specter) Amendment No. 2150, to amend the title. Page S11872

Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act: Senate passed H.R. 1552, to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through November 1, 2003, after rejecting the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Enzi Amendment No. 2155, to foster innovation and technological advancement in the development of the Internet and electronic commerce, and to assist the States in simplifying their sales and use taxes. (By 57 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. 341), Senate tabled the amendment.)

Pages S11905–14

Homestake Mine Conveyance Act: Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration of S. 1389, to provide for the conveyance of certain real property in South Dakota to the State of South Dakota with indemnification by the United States government, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Daschle Amendment No. 2161, in the nature of a substitute. Page \$11916

Homeless Veterans Assistance Act: Senate passed S. 739, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve programs for homeless veterans, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute.

Pages S11917–19

Report Elimination Prevention: Senate passed H.R. 1042, to require agencies to continue certain reports to Congress that are now slated for elimination pursuant to the Federal Reports Elimination

and Sunset Act of 1995, clearing the measure for the President.

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Office of Government Ethics Authorization Act: Senate passed S. 1202, to amend the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 (5 U.S.C. App.) to extend the authorization of appropriations for the Office of Government Ethics through fiscal year 2006. Page S11920

Continuing Resolution: Senate passed H.J. Res. 74, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2002, clearing the measure for the President.

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James A. McClure Federal Building Designations: Senate passed S. 1459, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 550 West Fort Street in Boise, Idaho, as the "James A. McClure Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse Designation: Senate passed S. 1270, to designate the United States courthouse to be constructed at 8th Avenue and Mill Street in Eugene, Oregon, as the "Wayne Lyman Morse United States Courthouse".

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Afghan Women and Children Relief Act: Senate passed S. 1573, to authorize the provision of educational and health care assistance to the women and children of Afghanistan, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S11921–22

Reid (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 2158, to amend the reporting and funding provisions.

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Legal Representation Authorizations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 181, to authorize testimony, document production, and legal representation in State of Idaho v. Joseph Daniel Hooper. Page S11922

United Kingdom Alliance Appreciations: Senate agreed to S. Res. 174, expressing appreciation to the United Kingdom for its solidarity and leadership as an ally of the United States and reaffirming the special relationship between the two countries.

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National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 44, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Fitzgerald/Durbin) Amendment No. 2159, in the nature of a substitute. Page S11923

Small Business Investment Company Amendments Act: Senate passed S. 1196, to amend the

Small Business Investment Act of 1958, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Bond/Kerry) Amendment No. 2160, to amend the bill with respect to subsidy fees.

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Muscular Dystrophy-CARE Act: Senate passed H.R. 717, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research with respect to various forms of muscular dystrophy, including Duchenne, Becker, limb girdle, congenital, facioscapulohumeral, myotonic, oculopharyngeal, distal, and Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophies, after agreeing to a committee amendment.

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Property Vandalism and Destruction Reduction: Senate passed H.R. 2924, to provide authority to the Federal Power Marketing Administrations to reduce vandalism and destruction of property, clearing the measure for the President. Pages \$11926-27

Agriculture Appropriations Conference Report: By 92 yeas to 7 nays (Vote No. 339), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2330, making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, clearing the measure for the President.

Pages S11872-78

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriation Conference Report: By 98 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 340), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, clearing the measure for the President.

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Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House to S. 320, to make technical corrections in patent, copyright, and trademark laws, with a further amendment as follows:

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Reid (for Hatch) Amendment No. 2162 (to the amendment of the House), in the nature of a substitute.

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Aviation Security Act Conference Report—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the conference report on S. 1447, to improve aviation security.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Report to accompany Protocol Relating To The Madrid Agreement (Treaty Doc. 106–41) (Ex. Rept. 107–1)

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the seventh biennial revision (2002–2006) to the United States Arctic Research Plan; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM–59)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Odessa F. Vincent, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Raymond F. Burghardt, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Ronald Weiser, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic.

J. Richard Blankenship, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Commonwealth of The Bahamas.

George L. Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra.

Cynthia Shepard Perry, of Texas, to be United States Director of the African Development Bank for a term of five years.

Jose A. Fourquet, of New Jersey, to be United States Executive Director of the Inter-American Development Bank for a term of three years.

Larry Miles Dinger, of Iowa, to be Ambassador to the Federated States of Micronesia.

Charles Lawrence Greenwood, Jr., of Florida, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Coordinator for Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC).

Stephan Michael Minikes, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador.

Lyons Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria.

Ernest L. Johnson, of Louisiana, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

William J. Hybl, of Colorado, to be Representative of the United States of America to the Fiftysixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Nancy Cain Marcus, of Texas, to be an Alternate Representative of the United States of America to the Fifty-sixth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

William D. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Constance Berry Newman, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Melvin F. Sembler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Italy.

Robert M. Beecroft, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Charles Lester Pritchard, of Virginia, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Special Envoy for Negotiations with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) and United States Representative to the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization (KEDO).

John Marshall, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Darryl Norman Johnson, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand.

A routine list in the Foreign Service.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Vickers B. Meadows, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Beverly Cook, of Idaho, to be an Assistant Secretary of Energy (Environment, Safety and Health).

J. Paul Gilman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Morris X. Winn, of Texas, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Edward Kingman, Jr., of Maryland, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of the Treasury.

Arthur E. Dewey, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Population, Refugees, and Migration).

Louis Kincannon, of Virginia, to be Director of the Census.

Michael A. Battle, of New York, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of New York for a term of four years.

Melanie Sabelhaus, of Maryland, to be Deputy Administrator of the Small Business Administration.

A routine list in the Army. Pages \$11970-71

Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Shirlee Bowne, of Florida, to be a Director of the Federal Housing Finance Board for a term expiring

February 27, 2004, which was sent to the Senate on September 14, 2001.

Messages From the House:

Measures Referred:

Executive Communications:

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Executive Reports of Committees:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Additional Statements:

Amendments Submitted:

Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total-341) Pages S11878, S11886, S11914

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 8:34 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, November 16, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$11970.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NEW FEDERAL FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill, to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development, to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, and to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber.

TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities concluded hearings to examine terrorist organizations and motivations, after receiving testimony from Jerrold M. Post, George Washington University Political Psychology Program, Washington, D.C.; and Brian M. Jenkins, RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California.

TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities met in closed session to receive a briefing on terrorist organizations and motivations from Jennifer L. Oatman, Senior Terrorism Analyst, Joint Terrorism Analysis Center, Intelligence Directorate, J–2, The Joint Staff; and an official of the intelligence community.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Allan I. Mendelowitz, of Connecticut, Franz S. Leichter, of New York, and John Thomas Korsmo, of North Dakota, each to be a Director, all of the Federal Housing Finance Board, Eduardo Aguirre, Jr., of Texas, to be First Vice President of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, and Randall S. Kroszner, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Council of Economic Advisers.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William Schubert, of Texas, to be Administrator of the Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

CLEAN POWER ACT

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings on S. 556, to amend the Clean Air Act to reduce emissions from electric powerplants, focusing on the bill's impact on the environment and the economy, after receiving testimony from Vermont Governor Howard Dean, Montpelier; Gerard M. Anderson, DTE Energy Resources/DTE Energy Company, Detroit, Michigan, and Jeff Sterba, Public Service Company of New Mexico, Albuquerque, both on behalf of the Edison Electric Institute; Robert LaCount, Jr., PG&E National Energy Group, Bethesda, Maryland; Jeffrey C. Smith, Institute of Clean Air Companies, David G. Hawkins, Natural Resources Defense Council, and Ronald J. Tipton, National Parks Conservation Association, all of Washington, D.C.; John L. Kirkwood, American Lung Association, New York, New York; and Bill Banig, United Mine Workers of America, Fairfax, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy, Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Enforcement, and B. John Williams, Jr., of Virginia, to be Chief Counsel for the Internal Revenue Service and Assistant General Counsel, all of the Department of the Treasury, James B. Lockhart III, of Connecticut, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security, and Harold Daub, of Nebraska, to be a Member of the Social Security Advisory Board, both of the Social Security Administration, and Janet Hale, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget, and Joan E.

Ohl, of West Virginia, to be Commissioner of the Children, Youth, and Family Administration, both of the Department of Health and Human Services, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Daub was introduced by Senators Ben Nelson and Hagel.

AID TO AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Terrorism and the Subcommittee on Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs concluded joint hearings to examine U.S. efforts to deliver humanitarian relief to alleviate hunger and meet other critical needs in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from Alan Kreczko, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration; Leonard Rogers, Acting Assistant Administrator for Humanitarian Response, Bernd McConnell, Director of Central Asian Task Force, both of the United States Agency for International Development; and Joel Charny, Refugees International, Mark Bartolini, International Rescue Committee, and George Devendorf, Mercy Corps, all of Washington, D.C.

MEDICARE PAYMENT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the payment and coverage policies of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for ambulance services, after receiving testimony from Thomas A. Scully, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Laura A. Dummit, Director, Health Care—Medicare Payment Issues, General Accounting Office; Mark D. Lindquist, St. Mary's Regional Health Center, Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; Gary L. Wingrove, Gold Cross Ambulance/Mayo Medical Transport/Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, Rochester, Minnesota, on behalf of the Minnesota Ambulance Association; Mark D. Meijer, Life EMS Ambulance Service, Grand Rapids, Michigan, on behalf of the American Ambulance Association; James N. Pruden, St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center Department of Emergency Medicine, Paterson, New Jersey, on behalf of the NJ EMS Coalition; Lori Moore, International Association of Fire Fighters, Washington, D.C.; and John Sinclair, Central Pierce Fire and Rescue, Tacoma, Washington, on behalf of the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 13 public bills, H.R. 3297–3309; and; 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 74; H. Con. Res. 270–271 were introduced. Pages H8247–48

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows: H.R. 2604, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, amended (H. Rept. 107–291); and

H.R. 2871, to reauthorize the Export-Import Bank of the United States, amended (H. Rept. 107–292).

- H. Res. 289, providing for consideration of H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act (H. Rept. 107–293);
- H. Res. 290, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–294); and
- H. Res. 291, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 107–295).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Iman Yahya Hendi, Muslim Chaplain of Georgetown University.

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H. Res. 286, the rule waiving points of order against the conference report was agreed to by voice vote.

Page H8217

Resolutions Reported from the Committee on Rules: Agreed to lay the following resolutions on the table: H. Res. 179, 182, 217, 220, 236, 237, 258, 267, and 268.

Page H8189

Retirement Security Advice Act: The House passed H.R. 2269, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets by a recorded vote of 280 ayes to 144 noes, Roll No. 442.

Pages H8189-H8215

Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part A of H. Rept. 107–289 was considered as adopted. Page H8191

Rejected the Andrews amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of H. Rept. 107–289 and made in order by the rule by a yea-and-nay vote of 180 yeas to 243 nays, Roll No. 441. Page H8214

Earlier agreed to the unanimous consent request by Representative Fletcher notwithstanding the operation of the previous question, that the Chair may postpone further consideration of the bill to a time designated by the Speaker on this legislative day

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H. Res. 288, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:30 p.m. and reconvened at 2:39 p.m. Page H8213

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures that were debated on Tuesday, Nov. 13.

Page H8215

Urging Expedited Assistance to Children Affected by the Terrorist Attacks on September 11: H. Con. Res. 228, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that the children who lost one or both parents or a guardian in the September 11, 2001, World Trade Center and Pentagon tragedies (including the aircraft crash in Somerset County, Pennsylvania) should be provided with all necessary assistance, services, and benefits and urging the heads of Federal agencies responsible for providing such assistance, services and benefits to give the highest possible priority to providing such assistance, services and benefits to those children (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 443. Agreed to amend the title);

Pages H8215-16

Best Pharmaceuticals for Children: H.R. 2887, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to improve the safety and efficacy of pharmaceuticals for children (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 338 yeas to 86 nays, Roll No. 444); and

Page H8216

Time in Schools for Prayer or Reflection Against the Forces of International Terrorism: H. Con. Res. 239, expressing the sense of Congress that schools in the United States should set aside a sufficient period of time to allow children to pray for, or quietly reflect on behalf of, the Nation during this time of struggle against the forces of international terrorism (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 297 yeas to 125 nays with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 445).

Pages H8216-17

Sudan Peace Act—Request A Conference: The House passed S. 180, to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 2052, to facilitate famine relief efforts and a comprehensive solution to the war in Sudan, as passed the House. H.R. 2052 was then laid on the table. Subsequently, the House insisted on its amendment and asked for a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Hyde and Representatives Gilman, Smith of New Jersey, Ros-Lehtinen, Royce, Tancredo, Lantos, Berman, Payne, and McKinney. For consideration of sections 8 and 9 of the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Oxley and Representatives Baker, Bachus, LaFalce, and Frank. Pages H8217-19

Making Continuing Appropriations for FY 2001: The House passed H.J. Res. 74, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2001 through December 7, 2001. The joint resolution was considered by unanimous consent.

Pages H8219–27

Presidential Message—Arctic Research Plan: Read a message from the President wherein he transmitted the seventh biennial revision (2002–2006) to the United States Arctic Research Plan referred to the Committee on Science.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H8249

Senate messages: Messages received from the Senate appear on pages H8213, H8217.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8214, H8214–15, H8215, H8216, H8216–17. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and at 7:45 p.m. stands in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Committee Meetings

BUENA VISTA WATERSHED PROPOSAL; USDA BIOSECURITY PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture: Approved the Buena Vista Watershed Proposal.

The Committee also held a hearing to review the USDA Biosecurity Programs and Authorities. Testimony was heard from James R. Moseley, Deputy Secretary, USDA.

BIOTERRORISM AND PROPOSALS TO COMBAT TERRORISM

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing on bioterrorism and proposals to combat terrorism. Testimony was heard from Tommy Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services.

CYBER SECURITY

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Consumer Protection held a hearing entitled "Cyber Security: Private-Sector Efforts Addressing Cyber Threats." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RAISING HEALTH AWARENESS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Raising Health Awareness Through Examining Benign Brain Tumor Cancer, Alpha One, and Breast Implant Issues." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

NATION'S CAPITAL—EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the "Emergency Preparedness in the Nation's Capital-Economic Impact of Terrorists Attacks." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT

Committee on House Administration: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3295, Help America Vote Act of 2001.

AFRICA—WAR ON GLOBAL TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing on Africa and the War on Global Terrorism. Testimony was heard from Susan E. Rice, former Assistant Secretary, Department of State; and public witnesses.

NORTHEAST ASIA AFTER 9/11

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific held a hearing on Northeast Asia after 9/11: Regional Trends and Interests. Testimony was heard frompublic witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3275, amended, to implement the International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorists Bombings to strengthen criminal laws relating to attacks on places of public use, to implement the International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism, to combat terrorism and defend the Nation against terrorist acts; H.R. 3209, amended, Anti-Hoax Terrorism Act of 2001; H.R. 3030, Basic Pilot Extension Act of 2001; and H.R. 1022, Community Recognition Act of 2001.

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims held a hearing on H.R. 3231, Immigration Reform and Accountability Act of 2001. Testimony was heard from James W. Ziglar, Commissioner, INS, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Landsapproved for full Committee action the following bills: H.R. 38, amended, Homestead National Monument of America Additions Act; H.R. 1925, amended, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Waco Mammoth Site Area in Waco, Texas, as a unit of the National Park System; H.R. 1963, to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the route taken by American soldier and frontiersman, George Rogers Clark and his men during the Revolutionary War to capture the British forts as Kaskaskia and Cahokia, Illinois, and Vincennes, Indiana, for study for potential addition to the National Trails System; H.R. 2234, amended, Tumacacori National Historical Park Boundary Revision Act of 2001; H.R. 2238, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire Fern Lakes and the surrounding watershed in the states of Kentucky and Tennessee for addition to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park; and H.R. 2440, amended, to rename Wolf Trap Farm Park as 'Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts.'

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE REPORT TO IMPROVE AVIATION SECURITY

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resoution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 16, 2001, providing for the condideration or disposition of a conference report to accompany the bill (S. 1447) to improve aviation security, and for other

purposes, or any amendment reported in disagreement from a conference threon.

ANDEAN TRADE PROMOTION AND DRUG ERADICATION ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a closed rule providing one hour of debate in the House on H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act, equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Thomas and Representatives George Miller of California, Farr of California, and Faleomavaega.

SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION REPORTED FROM THE RULES COMMITTEE ON BILL MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resoution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of November 16, 2001, providing for the condideration or disposition of a bill making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 20, 2002, and for other purposes.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE SECURITY AND RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT ACT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 3178, Water Infrastructure Security and Research Development Act.

NATIONAL SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing on a national sales tax holiday, and its potential to serve as a stimulus for our nation's small businesses. Testimony was heard from Representatives Graham, Abercrombie and Baird; and public witnesses.

TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on the Future of the TMDL Program: How to Make TMDLs Effective Tools for Improving Water Quality. Testimony was heard from George Tracy Mehan III, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA.

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on Teen Pregnancy Prevention. Testimony was heard from Bobby P. Jindal, Assistant Secretary, Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

QUADRENNIAL INTELLIGENCECOMMUNITY REVIEW

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on Quadrennial Intelligence Community Review. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

FBI INFORMATION SHARING

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security met in executive session to hold a hearing on FBI Information Sharing. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AVIATION SECURITY

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of S. 1447, to improve aviation security.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management, and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on "Does America Need A National Identifier?" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up H.R. 3210, Terrorism Risk Protection Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE 10 a.m., Friday, November 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will be in a period of morning business. Also, Senate expects to consider the conference report on S. 1447, Aviation Security Act.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 9 a.m., Friday, November 16

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Consideration of the conference report on S. 1447, Aviation Security Act (closed rule, one hour of debate):

Consideration of H.R. 3009, Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (subject to a rule); and

Consideration of DoD Appropriations (subject to a rule).



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